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POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Subansiri Lower Power Project of NHPC in Arunachal Pradesh, has been recommenced after the decision given by the Supreme Court in this regard;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and the revised schedule for construction of the project;

(c) the area on which Telli wildlife Sanctuary is likely to be submerged thereby and the details of diversion of the course of the river involved in the project; and

(d) the manner in which environmental imbalance and disturbance caused by it is sought to be made good?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The Hon`ble Supreme Court has permitted the dereservation of 42hectares of land in the Tale Wild Life Sanctuary likely to be submerged as a result of execution of the Subansiri Lower Project (250x8 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh.Presently, Stage-II activities covering mainly pre-construction work, development of infrastructure facilities and land acquisition are in progress. The process is under way for accord of Techno-economic clearance to the Project by the Central Electricity Authority. Investment decision on the setting up of the Project would be initiated thereafter.

(c) & (d) : Only forty two (42) hectares of land in the Tale Wild Life Sanctuary arelikely to come under submergence due to execution of the Subansiri Lower Project.This is 0.09% of the Wild Life Sanctuary. No construction activity is envisaged in the area likely to be submerged. The submergence will mainly be caused due to impounding of the river water which will lead to a rise in the water level. NHPC would carry out all the necessary remedial measures as prescribed in the environment/forest clearances.